(c) what are the details of suggestions received from Orissa Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No suggestions received.

Mid-term admission to Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi

*378. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi has adopted an irregular Policy regarding admission to engineering degree courses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that mid-term admissions are made in every session; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the criteria laid down by the Institute in this reard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi admits students to Enineering Degree Courses on the basis of merit in All India Entrance Examination conducted by the Institute comprising of a written test followed by interview. The written test is taken in 4 papers namely, Physics, Chemistry; Mathematics|Biology and English. The test is held at selected centres all over the country. This is in accordance with the admission policy and procedure framed by the Institute.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reason is to enable admissions of nominated Foreign students and others who are unable to join at the commencement of the Session.

Disputes between ITDC and its workers pending in courts

*379. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industrial disputes between India Tourism Development Corporation and its workers and unions pending in courts and tribunals for settlement;

(b) since when the oldest of the disputes has been pending and what is the nature of the disputes;

(c) what is the number of awards implemented by the management during the same period;

(d) what is the number of appeals filed in High Courts|Supreme Court during the said period; and

(e) whether any member of Parliament has drawn Government's attention to this issue recently; if so, what are the details thereof and action taken to implement awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) 195 industrial disputes between ITDC and its workers| unions are pending in Courts/Tribuknals for settlement.

(b) The oldest dispute has been pending since January, 1979 wherein Shri S. K. Bakshi has challenged his dismissal from service.

(c) During the last 3 years (1986 till November, 1988) one Award has been implemented by the ITDC.

(d) 3 appeals have been filed by ITDC in the Delhi High Court during the last 3 years (1986 till November, 1988) and the matter is subjudiece.